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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: Application of KOBAYASHI, Atsushi, and KIMURA, Hitotoshi
INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS
Assignee: **SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION**
Our Ref: Q80527

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/765,348 (Confirmation No.8987) filed January 22, 2001 of KOBAYASHI, Atsushi, and KIMURA, Hitotoshi entitled INK-JET RECORDING APPARATUS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, twenty (20) sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Assignment, an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2863.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/765,348 filed January 22, 2001; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	P. 2000-012460	January 21, 2000
JAPAN	P. 2000-024417	February 1, 2000
JAPAN	P. 2000-024421	February 1, 2000
JAPAN	P. 2000-069692	March 14, 2000
JAPAN	P. 2000-189520	June 23, 2000

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/765,348.



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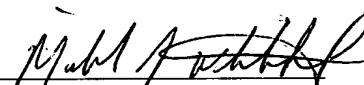
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Independent claims	<u>3</u> - 3	=		x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Base Fee							<u>\$770.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee							<u>\$290.00</u>
TOTAL FILING FEE							<u>\$1096.00</u>

A check for the statutory fee of \$1,0960.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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